

International Floorball Federation

**COMPETITION
REGULATIONS**

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

CLUB TEAMS AND NATIONAL TEAMS

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§ 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Friendly International matches are either Internationals played between national teams of the member Associations of IFF, any other match where a national team play versus a Club or regional team from another country or Club matches played between club teams representing the highest league from at least two different nations. National League matches played abroad shall also be considered in these regulations.
- 1.2 Friendly International matches shall be conducted in accordance with IFF Competition Regulations, IFF Juridical Regulations and the IFF Rules of the Game.
- 1.3 All IFF member Associations shall inform the IFF when organising friendly international matches. The organiser of Internationals shall use the IFF form “Information form for International Matches and Request of Referees”. The information form shall be sent to IFF no later than 2 months prior to the matches.
- 1.4 The organiser may use the guidelines of the IFF Organisers Regulations, when organising Friendly International Matches.
- 1.5 In Internationals the official match record of IFF shall be used. The Match Record shall be signed by the organiser, the referees and the teams and sent to the IFF Office by the organiser no later than 7 days after the last match.
- 1.6 Club tournaments, involving club teams from the highest division of at least two member associations, are International Elite Club Tournaments. These tournaments shall be informed to IFF by the organiser / member association of the organiser with the IFF form “Information form for International Club Tournament” at least 30 days in advance. For National league matches played abroad, an open application letter should be made by the participating Member Association to the IFF at least 60 days in advance. Once approved, the Member Association hosting the foreign National league match/es should inform the IFF with the IFF form “Information form for International Club Tournament” at least 30 days in advance.
- 1.7 All International matches (tournaments) between two national teams shall be included in the IFF list International matches. All International Elite Club Tournaments shall be included in the IFF list of International Club Tournaments.
- 1.8 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, self or via other person, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that i.e. players, officials, secretariat, and board members may not bet on a match where the own Team participates. Further their team delegates are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing or agreeing of the result of a match or competition, or the scoring or any other individual appearance at any point of a match to the advantage of its own team, opponent or any third party.
Referees may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

§ 2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 All IFF member Associations or club teams which are not under suspension may play friendly internationals or send club teams to International Club tournaments.
- 2.2 Participation in an elite level International Club tournament (as mentioned in § 1.6) in another country requires the approval from the respective National Floorball Association.
- 2.3 Participation of National teams in club competitions is possible when;
 - the organizer in the invitation mentions the eventuality of the national team participation in the tournament regulations
 - the organizer receives an official approval of the respective Association and also confirmation that the individual players participation corresponds with the national legislation

Further the national Association shall report the participation to the IFF.

The organizer shall ensure that a potential match between two national teams within the tournament would be refereed by international referees.

- 2.4 Participation of a national team in a match against a club or regional team from another country is possible when:
- the organizer receives an official approval of the Association in which the match shall be played
- Further the national Association shall report the participation to the IFF.

§ 3 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only players with citizenship of the own nation shall be eligible to represent the nation in internationals.
- 3.2 Only players being licensed for a club taking part in an international club match or tournament shall be eligible to play for the club concerned. A Club may grant their players, who are under contractual basis, an exemption (Temporary Play) from this regulation for participation with another Club in a specified friendly international tournament. The tournament shall be played between the first of May and the last of August and the tournament shall allow such participation. The player shall not be under suspension and shall not have participated in the EFCh. Such an exemption shall be informed to the national Association of the Club giving the exemption and to the organizer of the tournaments 21 days in advance of the tournament by filling in the Temporary Play form. All Temporary Plays shall be published on the IFF web pages. A maximum of two Temporary Plays per player and year is allowed.
- 3.3 Only Players who have achieved the age of 15 and officials having achieved the age of 18 before the start of the Friendly International Matches, may participate.
In U16 Internationals the players shall be at least 13 and not older than 16 years old when the match is played.
In U23 Internationals the players shall be at least 15 and not older than 23 years old when the match is played
- 3.4 A maximum of 20 players and 5 officials are allowed to participate in a match. A list of players and officials who are taking part in a match shall be handed in to the match secretariat no later than 30 minutes before the start of the match. No other than those on the list are allowed to be in the substitution zone.
- 3.5 Players shall be freed for participation in their respective national teams at least three days in advance of an IFF International Event and on Wednesday at noon, to be present in the team concerned, for Friendly Internationals during IFF International weekends (1st full weekend of February, 4th full weekend of April, 1st full weekend of September, 3rd full weekend of October and the 2nd full weekend of November). For the international weekend in October and November the players shall be freed on Monday at noon. In addition, players shall be freed the last weekend before the WFC/WFC Qualification. Term of such camp shall be informed to IFF latest the 30th of June.

§ 4 PLAYING SYSTEM OF FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

- 4.1 In order to guarantee a smooth running of the Friendly International Matches, the matches shall be organised in accordance with the guidelines of the IFF Organisers Regulations. Exceptions may only be made by a mutual agreement between the participants concerned. For National League matches played abroad and for matches played between a national team and a club or regional team from another country, the respective rules of the National Association should be followed.

§ 5 PLAYER'S OUTFITS

- 5.1 The player's outfit shall be according to the IFF Rules of the Game.

IFF may decide about further regulations regarding numbering, colours and advertisements on the player's outfit and equipment and the team official's outfit and equipment, during friendly internationals matches.

§ 6 VENUE

- 6.1. For Friendly International Matches the venue shall be chosen in accordance with the requirements of the IFF Organisers Regulations. Exceptions may only be made by a mutual agreement between the participants concerned.

§ 7 ADVERTISEMENTS

- 7.1 A team is entitled to have advertisements on the player's outfit.

- 7.2 IFF shall have the possibility to ask for advertisements on the player's outfit, based on an agreement with the National Associations.

§ 8 REFEREES

- 8.1 All International matches between two national teams shall be refereed by an international referee' pair and shall be appointed by the IFF Referee Committee. The organizer may propose to the Referees' committee appointments for international referees from a certain nation.
- 8.2 The Referees appointed shall be included on the IFF list of International Referees.
- 8.3 Any breaches or infringements occurred in Friendly International Matches, shall be sanctioned according to the IFF Regulations.
- 8.4 The organiser of an international club match, a national league match abroad or any other match where a national team play versus a Club or regional team from another country shall follow the respective rules of their National Association when appointing referees for these matches.

§ 9 DOPING

- 9.1 As far as doping is concerned, valid IFF regulations and the WADA Anti-Doping Regulations are applicable.
- 9.2 All players registered for participation in friendly international matches agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of a player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to a positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test.
- 9.3 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation. Decision about punishment shall be taken after the friendly international matches by the proper authority.

§ 10 BETTING

- 10.1 Participants' laptops, computers and similar devices and telecommunication tools including cell phones and internet in the pre-defined restricted areas (including locker rooms) shall be turned off during the participants own matches.
- 10.2 Appointments of referees in IFF events shall in principal be made at the earliest the day before a match.
- 10.3 Random financial audits for referees may be carried out as well as regular scrutiny of their field decisions.
- 10.4 Matches may be excluded from the betting offer of organisations under investigation or subject to sanctions for manipulations.
- 10.5 a) It is prohibited to bet on matches for minors (under 18 years old).
- b) It is prohibited for any athletes, and their entourage, from participating in all forms of, or support for, betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions in their sport
- c) It is prohibited to use any Inside Information for betting purposes, including disclosing Inside Information to any person (with or without reward) where the athlete might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting
- 10.6 Sponsorship by betting operators of sports teams composed of minors (athletes under 18 years old) shall be prohibited.
- 10.7 Unauthorised betting types and formulas, following annual identification by a technical group of sport and betting experts will be determined by the IFF or Association. Betting operators will be requested not to offer these bets to punters.
- 10.8 The National Associations shall have regulations ensuring that they and their clubs fulfill their financial obligations towards their athletes and sports officials i.e. regular pay and good conditions for their professional athletes and sports officials (including referees).

- 10.9 Any person who is under prosecution for action including forgery, corruption, etc. or who has been convicted of a criminal offence within the last two years shall, to avoid conflicts of interest, not be allowed to be involved in the management of federations, clubs, associations, teams etc.
- 10.10 Random financial audits for National Associations as well as their Clubs may be carried out at any time to ensure transparency in their financing;
- 10.11 To ensure an economic fair return from the betting operators, not only for the organisers of events, but also for the development of Floorball recognition of a “betting right” of an IFF event shall be agreed upon between the betting companies and the IFF, and for a national event between the betting companies and the National Association.
- 10.12 Sanctions for breaches of the betting regulations are according to the IFF Juridical Regulations Article 8 and 9.

§ 11 OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 11.1 All sanctions imposed by referees and/or the jury shall be informed to the national Associations of the player or of the official and to the IFF.

§ 12 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 12.1 In case of the any unforeseen circumstance, the organiser can contact the IFF Office for assistance, in order to solve the issue.